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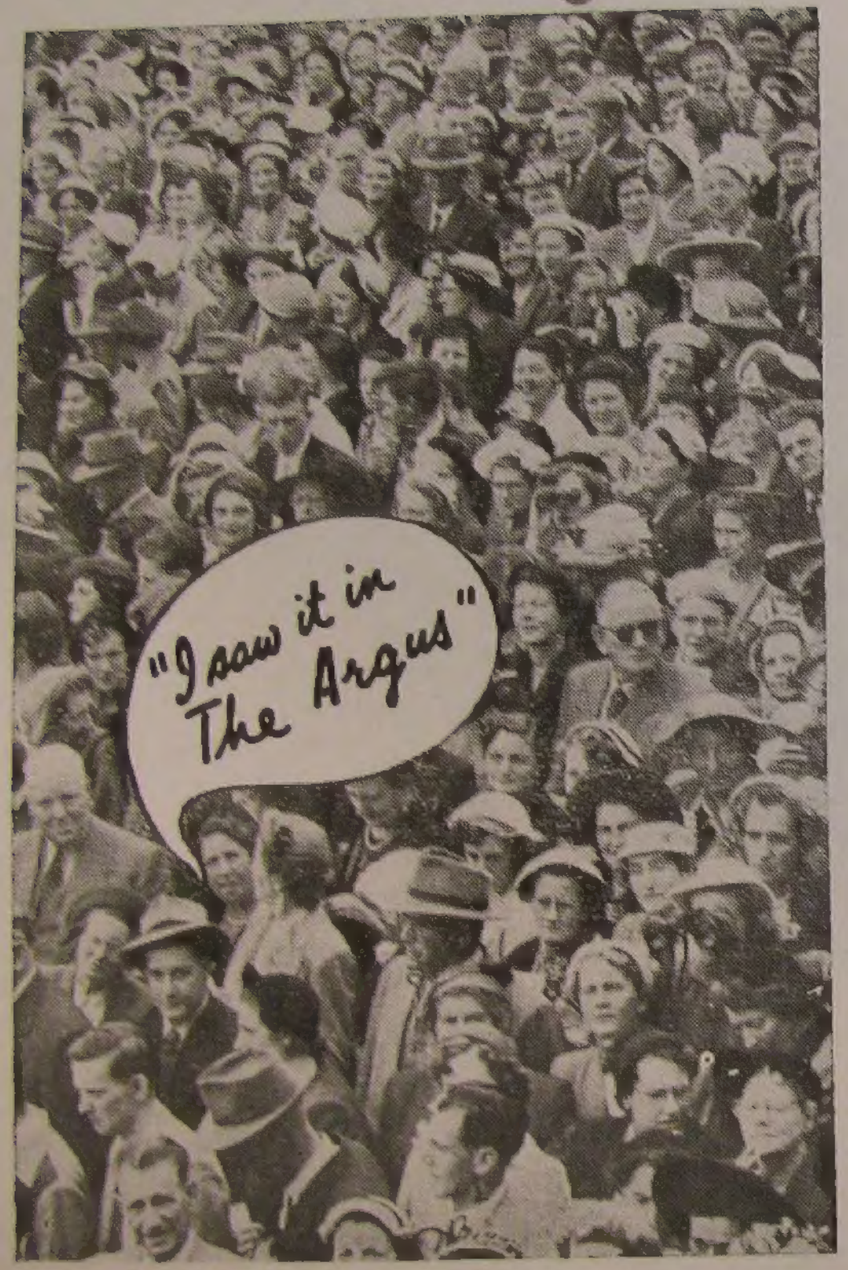

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The Official Organ of the
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CUP TIES AGAIN

Today, for a brief space, most of us can forget the worries and cares of those vital points in the various League tables and concentrate on our teams' chances in the Cup competition.

Although today in the round the First Division clubs are needed, there are still no less than thirty-two teams playing to stay in the first round of the Dockerty Cup and twenty-six in the Reserve Cup.

Strangely enough this year only one club from a country association has entered the Dockerty Cup competition — Moe United. (We don't class Upper Yarra Dam as a country club now they are in the Fourth Division.) In previous years country clubs have been forced to play all games (home-and-away) in Melbourne, and yet no less than six entered last year — two coming from Albury. This year, when the draw is on an equal basis for all and country clubs stood a chance of drawing a First Division club at home — only one club comes in. It is a little hard to understand. Anyway, we wish Moe a good run in the Cup seeing they are the only boys from the bush.

With no Cup fixtures six First Division teams are playing off games which were postponed owing to the Interstate Carnival. All of these look like being close games, and all are vital to the clubs concerned.

Brighton and Hakoah (in third and fourth positions) cannot afford to lose a game and remain in the race. The positions of Prahran, Moreland and Box Hill, at the foot of the table, allow for no loss of points either for Box Hill, who play Polonia, are in third bottom position on goal average to Prahran only. Prahran lost a vital game last week against South Yarra, who now have a chance of avoiding relegation. Prahran and Moreland should be a hard game and the Moreland club's long run of "outs" may come to an end now that they managed to take a point from Polonia last week.

Our Cover

ALEMPIJEVIC (J.U.S.T.) scores from a penalty against Hakoah last week at Heyington. Shot was in the top right-hand corner (see Rex Benson's "Home and Away"). Hakoah goalie, KLASSIC, had no chance standing in the water. Other players are TOLIC and VIDOVIC (behind Klassic's hand, (J.U.S.T.), and THOMAS, CLARKE (assisting the ball), and JACK (Hakoah).

THE PASSING OF HARRY ARMSTRONG

It was reported by our Chairman, Mr. W. Thomas, that our old friend and past secretary, Mr. Harry Armstrong, had passed away on Sunday, May 23.

Mr. Dockerty spoke with deep feeling of the services of this great worker for the game and of his association with the game since his arrival in Australia in 1911. He said that Mr. Armstrong had given of his very best for two long periods as secretary of the Association. No man could have done better, said Mr. Dockerty, for he even carried on, on his own, through the difficult period when the Association became virtually a one-man organisation.

It was unanimously decided to send a letter of regret to Mr. Charlie Armstrong, and also to rename the Reserve Cup as "The Harry Armstrong Cup" to perpetuate the memory of this great worker for the game.

EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Last Sunday's game at Heyington Oval — Footscray City and Juventus — drew a crowd of over 6,000. The play was excellent and the crowd enjoyed it, but there was one very bad feature. Several hundred people broke into the ground over the railway line to avoid passing through the gates and putting a coin in the box.

Apart from the meanness of such an action — not to say dishonesty — there is another side to be considered. It's quite certain that the Railways authorities will take steps to have the ground closed if such incidents occur again. It must be only too obvious that several hundred people invading an open railway line can only end in one way — a serious accident. So, if we can appeal to these people in no other way, perhaps the thought of an accident or the complete cessation of their week-end soccer at Heyington Oval may cause them to reflect before doing such a foolish and unsporting action in the future.

In last week's game Brighton were far too strong for Box Hill at Elsternwick and piled up enough goals to ruin the Hill men's average and drop nearer to the relegation zone.

Moreland, who managed to take a point from Polonia, still languish in second bottom position above South Yarra, who, with a win over Prahran, now have three points.

At the top of the tree Juventus continued undefeated with a Sunday victory by 5-2 over Footscray City. Hakoah, on level terms with J.U.S.T. at half-time, ran away in the second term to a 5-2 victory.

Sensation of Second Division was the defeat of hitherto undefeated Sunshine City by George Cross, who are making a strong bid for promotion. Yallourn, who defeated Maccabi by 8-3 in a very rough game at Yallourn, are close behind George Cross in third place. We regret to say that in the Yallourn-Maccabi game Migdalek, of Maccabi, suffered a compound fracture of the leg.

In Third Division the top team, Hellenic, who to date had not lost a point, met Slavia — also undefeated — and received a lesson in football by 10 goals to nil.

Considerable chaos was caused last week-end by the failure of V.A.S.F.A. Secretary Beaton's phone just at the time when reports were coming in. We have not heard at the time of writing whether it has been repaired, but sincerely hope so for the sake of our pint-size secretary and all concerned.

Preparations for the Soccer Ball are going apace and a first-class night's entertainment is assured for all. Club's are asked to organise parties from their members and reserve tables accordingly. If your club has made no announcement of that nature we suggest that you enquire why.

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A GOAL ALL THE WAY

Our photographer, Sam Gold, took this split-second photo of a shot by Zivic (J.U.S.T.), beating Klassic (Hakoah). Despite this, J.U.S.T. goal and the one on our cover, Hakoah finished easy winners by five goals to two.

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V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

RESULTS — SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1954.—The Association regrets the severe inconvenience Club Secretaries experienced in phoning their results. The Association telephone — UY 8347 — was out of order. At 1.45 p.m. calls were received, but at 4.30 p.m. the line went completely dead. Despite urgent contacts with the P.M.G. Department the reply was given that technicians would investigate the complaint on MONDAY. Devious methods were used to secure results and radio stations, newspapers and the Football Pool Companies received many results. I would like to sincerely thank Mr. J. O. Wilshaw, without whose willing co-operation would have made the position farcical.

The importance of the ruling of Council that all clubs should notify their results to the "Sporting Globe" is now very apparent, and it is trusted that all concerned will observe this direction.

LATE KICK-OFFS.—The League management will consider reports from 18 referees in reference to clubs taking the field after 2.45 p.m. The assumption that 15 minutes' grace is applied is incorrect. The sole decision is with the referee, who has the power to cancel any game which cannot start on time. Alternatively, any players may be officially cautioned if their conduct is detrimental to the observance of this rule.

LEAGUE TABLES.—Any queries on the statistics should be directed to the Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A., and not to "Soccer News".

TRANSFERS.—The 14 days' time ruling on Transfers requires any club receiving an application to deal with same within 14 days.

—S. BEATON, Secretary, 2 Clendon Rd., Armadale. UY 8347.

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ARE YOU AN AMATEUR?

Attention of all players who have infringed their amateur status is drawn to the following resolution of the V.A.S.F.A.:—

"That all applications for re-instatement from players resident in Victoria prior to April 7, 1954, must be received by the Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. not later than May 31, 1954, and written support of such applications not later than June 30, 1954."

Messrs. E. J. Clarkson, H. Rice and H. R. Sutherland have been reinstated amateurs by the Council of the V.A.S.F.A.

If your status is in doubt, ensure your soccer future by writing now to S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A., 2 Clendon Road, Armdadale.

—H. DODD, Status Committee.

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V.A.S.F.A. HANDBOOK ERROR

In the list of Club Secretaries in the Handbook there is a "WRONG" phone number against the name of the MOORABBIN Club Secretary. This phone number is the phone number of a gentleman not now connected with the Club and considerable inconvenience is being caused to him. Club Secretaries please note.

SNOWS *"for men who care what they wear"*

HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

"IN THE WET"

The above title of Neville Shute's novel could well be known as "The Harry Rice Theme", which had J.U.S.T. in a dither last Saturday: and to think that Rice has been lost to soccer over these last three years. The heavy grounds, which call for good ball-play and accurate kicking of the heavy ball, soon show the class of the better men, and the ex-Falkirk player is one of them. The header by which Hakoah took the lead immediately after half-time was the best goal of the match, and that means a lot as they were all good ones. Syd Thomas' centre was dropped over about twelve yards out from the near post, and out-jumping his opponent, Rice steered it with plenty of power down into the corner of the net.

From then on Hakoah never looked back, and with cloggy grounds now becoming a feature, Rice and Sutherland will make an inside-forward combination that will keep Hakoah well in the hunt for honours.

THE COACH

Some people have only a hazy idea of the duties of a coach, especially those of the newly-arrived soccer coach in Victoria. The general impression has been gained from American movies, and copied to a great deal in Australian Rules, of someone who- at half-time, berates a team, even if they are winning (the language being stronger if they are losing), bangs his fist into the other palm, and ends by saying: "Now, youse bums, go out and moider dose guys!"

Now Mr. Len Young is definitely not of that type. That is evident to anyone who has met him or heard him speak. But he has a hard task to perform, and one that will not bear fruit for some time.

A coach who is appointed purely and simply to a team has an easier job. If the team is a poor one, he cannot make it much worse, but if it gains success, his handiwork is for all to see. If Len Young was here only to make the State team the best in Australia, he would be wasting his time, and would be the first to admit it. Fortunately his duties go much further, and will carry on throughout the summer months. This is a reminder to

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HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BALL ON JUNE 23?

Saturday, June 5, 1954

HAKOAH (Reserves)

v.

FOOTSCRAY (Reserves)

at Heyington Oval

those aspiring to higher honours. While playing cricket, a training night once a week for soccer stops the rust from forming for those early games. Many amateur players from the Downs League in Bristol attend a local summer school to improve their game and the entire training consists of trying to do what the coach has quickly found out that they cannot do. An entire evening could be spent on trapping, and another on centring accurately with the "other" foot. Perhaps some players are not so keen, but the early darkness in this country is certainly a handicap unless floodlighting is used to a greater extent.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM HEYINGTON

One high spot of the Hakoah-J.U.S.T. game was the crashing thirty-yard drive from Rice, which would have rocketted into the net had not Ardia helped it over the bar in fine style. Unfortunately the J.U.S.T. keeper tended to panic under pressure and attempted to kick clear more than once instead of using his hands. Gough is certainly missed in goal.

Was a linesman letting his mind wander, or was the penalty line so poorly marked that Ardia ran out five yards with the ball before kicking clear on one occasion? A clear case of "hands".

Senesin was not fully fit. On such a day Rice would have been a handful to the best wing-half, but J.U.S.T. took a risk in playing Senesin that did not come off.

Bill Fleming has been in contact with the Piddingtons, or does Alempijevic always do the same thing? "In the top right-hand corner" he prophesied as the player ran to take his penalty. It was, too, and so effortlessly placed there.

Ressler has his moments. He cannot put over a swinging centre at any time, much less a corner kick, but so often appears on the scene to score from close range, and appears a great favourite with the Hakoah supporters.

Seeing such small men as Zivic, Jakus, and Ressler perform so well brings home the fact that in soccer, unlike some other games, if you are good enough, you are big enough.

OBSTRUCTION

"Onlooker" raises a point that will always be argued over. "Obstruction" in soccer is like an l.b.w. decision in cricket, the umpire having to use his discretion in giving a decision when often it is a fifty-fifty case of yes or no. Many full-backs appear to obstruct in shielding the ball over the goal-line. It was done openly under the rules years ago, before they were tightened up. But if the back can at any time, while supposedly obstructing a player, reach right out with his leg to touch the ball, he must be considered as playing the ball, and should not be penalised. In any case he runs the risk of being charged from behind, as Pechout learned against Syd Thomas.

CHARGING THE GOALKEEPER

From a question asked on 3XY last Saturday, there appears to be a belief shared by many people in Victoria, and I have heard it expressed many times, that there is some local rule giving complete immunity to goalkeepers, because on the Continent they do not like them to be charged.

This is so much "poppycock", and providing that the keeper is holding the ball and has both feet on the ground, he can be fairly charged into the net and a goal given. Perhaps the misapprehension can be officially cleared up.

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"DID YOU KNOW?"

By JOHN OLIPHANT

English sports critics will have plenty to say about England's defeat by Jugoslavia.

This game was witnessed by 80,000 and the result was Jugoslavia 1, England nil.

Not having seen this game, I am wandering if the Jugoslav's good play or England's poor show is responsible for yet another humiliating defeat to the "masters" of soccer.

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Unlike Chelsea, who had to offer £15,000 for the services of Reading centre-half, 6 ft. 2 in. Stan Wick, we had the good luck of having among us Len Young, also an ex-Reading regular, without a transfer fee.

By the way, you must meet Len, he is a very nice bloke. I am sure he'll have a good word for all of you when you meet him.

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The Hungarian post has issued a special stamp showing two soccer football players in action. The inscription says: "London, Wembley, November 25, 1953 6-3."

Could we persuade the local postal authorities to do likewise? What a hope!

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Before the war the Wolves were in the news when, their manager, Major Buckley, said he could produce bigger and better footballers by administering "gland capsules" to them. I hope that no one is going to suggest that we import that wonder drug.

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Recently Shrewsbury Town (a Third Division North club) signed on a young lad named Stan Keery as a professional from a junior club.

The junior club received a "gift" of £50 and three months later Shrewsbury sold the lad to Newcastle United for a five figure fee.

Some people would call this good business; others would call it bondage!

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An Italian Second Division Club, Udinese, signed on a player named Virgili from a church team for the gift of one "football"!

Virgili plays in the centre-forward position and now he is the rage of Italy.

Internazionale, of Milan, one of Italy's top clubs, have offered the fantastic sum of £70,000 for him!

Our friend, Nino Borsari, missed out on this one.

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Hungary defeated England 7-1. The game was played in Budapest and 87,000 people paid approximately £42,000 sterling for the privilege of seeing the world's best soccer teams in action.

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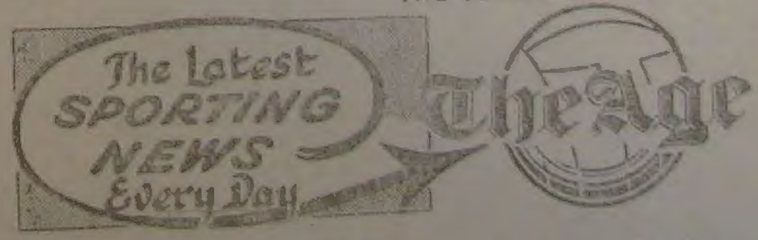

POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

HUNGARY EVEN STRONGER

Most followers of soccer will recall the recent lesson on how to play soccer that Hungary gave England. In a public opinion poll taken by a Hungarian newspaper last month only six players were selected that had played against the English side at Wembley. This gives a fair idea of how strong soccer is in that country.

RECORD ENTRIES?

Listening to the Association Secretary on the wireless last Friday I was surprised to hear him say that there were two teams wanting to join the competition. We should take stock of this boasting of how many teams and players are registered in Melbourne, especially as week after week some teams in the lower divisions are forfeiting matches. Articles by Ray Carlson and John Oliphant in last week's "Soccer News" were timely reminders regarding the position of the lower grades. Perhaps the suggestion by the Moorabbin President regarding the establishment of a "pool" of players has much in its favour.

STARS OF THE FUTURE

Establishment of a Victorian Colts team under Association coach Len Young, seems to be a sound initial step. Also with a State squad, comprising in the main younger players, training together, it might not be long before a lot of new players are seen wearing the State colours.

ANOTHER NEW SIGNING

Hakoah's win at the expense of J.U.S.T. last week has made the league championship even more open. With yet another signing, Hakoah have tried to improve their forward line, this time it is Caldavaric, a leading centre-forward of two seasons ago. Although Caldavaric was on the target in his first game he will have to lose a lot of condition if he is to make a successful First Division comeback. Usual leader of the Hakoah line, Gottesmann, started off on the right-wing, but moved to inside-left after Sutherland had received another injury.

TODAY'S GAMES

Once again the Dockerty Cup is on us again; presume there will be the usual surprises. Although I think the league championship is the greater honour, it is the Cup competition that has the glamour. With the First Division teams receiving byes in the first round there is an opportunity to make up some of the games that were cancelled at Easter. The main match is between Hakoah and Brighton on the seasiders' new ground at Elsternwick Park. Brighton officials might be hoping for a win, but I bet they are wishing for a fine day and a bumper crowd to help pay towards that £600 rent.

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ROSEBUD SOCCER CLUB

The above club urgently requires friendly games — HOME OR AWAY — SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. Clubs having free dates and wishing for a practice game should contact Mr. H. Mitchell, Secretary, Rosebud Soccer Club, Boneo Road, Rosebud.

SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

By JOHN OLIPHANT

On May 30 the game of the year will be played at Toorak Park Oval — this is the Australian Rules ground.

You will have the good fortune to see Commonwealth play the "Rest of the World". So far this game proved to be a very fiercely contested one, although the final result has no bearing, except that it is a matter of prestige to both as to which is the better one.

For the first time a Colts' Commonwealth Eleven will play against a Colts' "Rest" as the curtain-raiser.

No doubt the V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Len Young, will have a good chance to see 44 players play in one afternoon, which would be of great interest to him.

As a crowd of 10,000 is expected to see this game, it would be advisable for people to come early to avoid a crush.

To get to the ground, which is so conveniently situated, you can take the train from Flinders Street Station to Toorak Station, or by tram from the city to Orrong Road (No. 6 or 7 tram). Also, the Brighton bus from the city stops outside the ground.

Afternoon tea will be served on three different stalls for your convenience, by some lovely young ladies.

Remember, the day is SUNDAY, MAY 30! You just can't afford to miss this game; and when you see your friends, don't just tell them that you are going out on Sunday — that sounds very vague. Tell them that you are going to see the game of the year — Commonwealth v. "Rest of the World" — at Toorak Park Oval.

The curtain-raiser starts at 1.30 p.m. and the main game at 2.45 p.m.

"REST OF THE WORLD" PLAYERS

The following players are requested to report, at the dressing-rooms to Mr. D. Hamilton, Manager of the "Rest of the World" team on Sunday, May 30, at 2.15 p.m.:—Klassic, Sabadussi, Zblocki, Jakus, Vivoli, Vesovic, Roubal, Stefanovic, Gottesmann, Alempijevic, Plateo, Bottari, Waltzer, Bassi, Costa, Ravagnan.

Commonwealth Eleven:—A. Scott, J. Stubbs, A. Drennan, R. Davidson, T. Jack, B. Roberts, S. Thomas, R. Strachan, F. Loughran, H. Rice, E. Smith. Reserves: Shepherd, Copeland, Clarke, Johnson, Weymess.

CURTAIN-RAISER TO COMMONWEALTH v. "REST OF THE WORLD"

In the Commonwealth v. "Rest of the World" game to be played at Toorak Park, Prahran, tomorrow, Sunday, May 30, there will be a curtain raiser between Colts' Elevens of the Commonwealth v. "Rest of the World", and the two teams will be selected from the following lists of players, who are to report to the dressing-rooms at the ground at 1.15 p.m.

Commonwealth Colts' list:—D. Smith, Petturick (Sunshine United); S. Bell, J. York, S. Johnson, M. Reddy (Sunshine City); Potter, Watson, Roberts, M'Cartney (Brighton), Peachey, Barnes (Preston); Eastaway, Garrett, MacGrory, (Park Rangers); Durmin, Middlemiss (Footscray); Smith (Moreland); Denny, Hayes, Simpson, McNamara (South Melbourne United).

"Rest of the World" Colts' list:—Lopo, Valmorbida, Evangilista, Yavatier,

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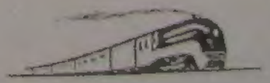

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COUNCIL MEETING JOTTINGS

COLTS' TEAM

A recommendation was passed to the League Management Committee that they give favourable consideration to the home games of the Colts' team, under the direction of Mr. Len Young, being played at the Albert Park ground on Sundays.

THANKS TO HAKOAH

The Association is greatly indebted to the officials of the Hakoah Club for their efforts in obtaining the use of Heyington Oval for the official games of the Council on a number of available Sundays this season.

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION GRANT

The Junior Association this year requested a grant of £450 to carry out its programme for the 1954 season.

Estimated expenditure was submitted for consideration of Council and a very strong case was put forward by Mr. J. Olson and supported by Mr. J. Parker. The programme was ambitious and it was generally considered that it was worthy of every consideration. Several members expressed their appreciation of the wisdom and necessity of doing everything possible to further junior soccer, but the general opinion was that in view of this year's heavy expenditure and doubtful income, the requested grant would have to be severely pruned.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the Council should grant to the Junior Association a sum of £100.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

ASTOR

Our winning run continued with a win against Sandringham last week in a hard struggle which brought our goals scored to 28 in the last five games. In this period a very sound defence conceded only one goal.

A grand club spirit prevails and a special mention to our veteran, Fred Graco, will be approved by all members. Whether running the line, substituting in goal, or playing a very effective attacking wing-half game, Fred can be counted on to do a good job.

We hope the Williamstown player who suffered a nasty head injury in our recent game is making a satisfactory recovery.—J. Johnson.

GEORGE CROSS

Under ideal soccer weather George Cross smashed Sunshine City's undefeated record last Saturday to the tune of 3-1.

In Second Division George Cross can really boast of a record number of enthusiastic supporters attending their matches. It was pleasing to hear the referee's whistle signalling half-time with George Cross three up, the first score coming from "Jock" Swan, the second from that untiring inside-left, Joe Gauci, while No. 3 came again from our left-winger.

As usual it is hard to single out any special player for they all play as a team. But it will be an injustice if I fail to applaud the way centre-half Baldas Calleja inspires the whole team. Fred Hayden, "Snowy" Trinder and Stan Stacey were magnificent. Jack Micallef played one of his best games. It was a pity to see that lovable character, full-back, Charlie Dalforno, limping again. Charlie Carnillesi in goal gave a good exhibition in goalkeeping. Congratulations, Charlie, for that wonderful save from the spot kick. You sure put some pep in the team by that. Our old stalwart, Catania, still proved he can do it.

Sunshine City's score came in the closing minutes of the game.

Seems pretty sure that we shall see George Cross in First Division next season. So, good on you, boys, and keep it up! Special mention must go to the way the referee handled the game. Well done, Ref.! Also many thanks to Mrs. Muscat for providing tea and coffee at half-time to our players, who assures me it was the best drop they ever had. Well, let's wish you luck today against Geelong.—Frank.

HEIDELBERG

Seeing that Heidelberg had one of their few wins for the season, I was wondering if we could have a few words in our weekly paper.

Heidelberg visited West Melbourne Recreation Reserve to play Slovakia. Heidelberg were soon into attack and in a very short space of time had two goals on the board. Slovakia, not to be outdone, scored, but Heidelberg added two more to lead 4-1 at "lemons".

Heidelberg kept up the pressure and goals from Thorpe, Duncan, Andersson and Morley found the visitors easy winners, eight goals to two.

Goal scorers: A. Thorpe 3, B. Andersson 2, D. Morley 1, "Jock" Duncan 1, Gray 1. Steve Simerk in goal gave his usual good game. He was well supported by Fred Greenfield, Jim Shepherdly and Bert Andersson.

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The Reserves played host to Werribee Roma, and were beaten 5-2 after being 2-2 at half-time. The home side were unlucky to lose the services of goalkeeper M. Newton, who had his right thumb dislocated. Goal scorers: Jim Cumming and D. Costa.—E. Bywater.

MACCABI

At Yallourn last week Maccabi went down by eight goals to three. Our right-wing, C. Migdalek, was carried off in the early stages with his leg broken in two places, then our left-wing, centre-forward and inside-right went off one after the other to leave seven men battling it out. They played fine football throughout and gave Yallourn a good game right to the final whistle. Although Maccabi suffered many injuries it must be said that Yallourn played good, clean football throughout, and we sincerely thank the two Yallourn officials who got two of our players off to hospital. Thanks for the cup of tea, too, it went down well.—F. Murks, Maccabi Secretary.

SLAVIA

Our winning run continued with a 10-nil victory against Hellenic. The game was generally good and owing to the referee (the best we have seen so far) and the linesmen, very clean (thanks, boys). I also would like to thank our first eleven for such a good display of soccer. Keep it that way and you can't miss the promotion. The pleasing part is that for the first time there was no outstanding player on the ground, but very good team-work, excellent passing and shooting.

A fortnight ago we drew with Sandringham and I again say thanks to a good, clean side and don't hesitate to say that it was easily the best and fairest game we have played so far. Soccer followers are cordially invited to attend the Slavia Sports Ball on May 29 in Leonard's Cabaret, St. Kilda Baths.—Miro Vicek.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES v. WHITE EAGLES RESERVES

The game opened up with both sides being a player short — play was fairly even for a while until South Melbourne broke through and scored from a fine centre from the left-wing. White Eagles equalised soon after. Then Smiles, for South Melbourne, scored another good goal. White Eagles answered with a goal and made the score 2-2 at half-time.

The second half opened up with South Melbourne having most of the play and five more goals came in quick success, making the final scores — South Melbourne Reserves 7; White Eagles Reserves 2.—"Standby".

SUNSHINE CITY

At 1.30 p.m. Sunshine City Under 17 team took the field with only eight men, but shortly after the start another player turned up to make it nine.

But the boys fought back gamely and after about 15 minutes of play R. Cross netted for Sunshine City to put them one up on a pitch that was more like a bog. After a quick breakaway McCarrie shot from 20 yards and the wet ball was fumbled by United goalkeeper and City were two up. Shortly after the whistle blew for half-time and both teams got a much needed rest.

An indirect free kick allowed United to score. Five minutes later City outside-right crossed to A. Madden, who tapped it into the net. United centre-forward followed up a loose ball and tapped it into the goal. D. Male was a prominent figure and from one of his big clearances G. Glenn shot from 30 yards to make the issue safe for the City. The final score was Sunshine City 4, Sunshine United 2. The Under 15 game — the final scores were Sunshine City 10, Moorabbin City nil.—D. Baker.

UPPER YARRA DAM

Last Saturday was our turn to collect the two points as a result of the withdrawal of Shell in the Fourth Division.

Whatever the reasons, the loss of a League team from senior soccer is a most regrettable happening, and our club hopes that Shell may be able to re-group and hang on to their organisation so as to resume League soccer next season.

We were glad of the opportunity for Presidents and Secretaries of clubs to meet the new V.A.S.F.A. coach, Len Young. It is true to say that many inter-club problems were also discussed in a most pleasant atmosphere showing that such informal meetings can be well worth while. Mr. Young made the interesting comment that in U.S.A. there are 50,000 registered soccer players, which indicates that there are perhaps 2,000,000 participating in the code!—E. K. Dawson.

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AWKWARD LETTERS

We regret that it is impossible to publish letters received from H. Batterham and Nora Culf as such letters might involve "Soccer News" in libel actions. We do not consider it advisable to publish a letter from W. Drummond as, having already published two letters from him and H. Ashworth, on the subject, and a reply from the Victorian Junior Association, we feel the subject is now better closed.

A letter from W. Bowman also has not been published as we feel this is not the best time for it.—Editor.

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Lognor (Juventus); Gobel, Krambehr, Grubic (J.U.S.T.); Karpala, Nurater, Johnson (Polonia); Figiel (Sunshine City); Holtrop (Williamstown); Van Dulmin (Wilhelmina); Galles (South Melbourne United).

Any of the above players not able to play please ring Mr. D. Hamilton, at BJ 3048, before midday tomorrow, Sunday.

JUNIOR SECTION

VICTORIAN JUNIOR ASSOCIATION NOTES

It is important that all clubs be represented at the delegates' meeting on Wednesday, June 2. The office-bearers and several of the executive committee are thinking of resigning and will submit their reasons to the meeting. This is unfortunate, but cannot be avoided as the financial standing of the association is in a bad way, and no association can carry on without finance.

Around the various groups we find, in the Under 20, Juventus top with 10 points, having played six games; Sunshine United being second and strongly challenging, having played four games for eight points; third are Pascoe Vale, having played six games for eight points.

Under 17 finds Brighton on top, having played five games for ten points, with Sunshine United eight points, but only four games. In the Under 15 Sunshine United, ten points from five games, with Preston ten points, but six games — so, leading on goal average. In third place Essendon with nine points from six games. In the Under 14 we have Box Hill "A", who have an astonishing record of not having a goal scored against them, and having scored 41 from five games, an average of eight goals a game. A record to be proud of. Their local rivals, Brighton "A", haven't lost a game yet, lay second. Actually this division won't be won on goal average. In third position lay Prahran, with eight points from five games.

A special bouquet to Sunshine United on their junior teams. This year in three age groups, they are on top or second.

Moorabbin have now started an Under 17 and for a Third Division club field a large number of juniors.

Fairfield have been fortunate in procuring Ray Carlson, who, like his father, can really play the game. My tip is that this boy will be even better than his father. Fairfield are busy team-building, and most of the boys are new to the game. However, they are improving and won't have to be taken lightly in the near future.

And finally, how many of you soccer followers have watched your juniors this year? Not many I'll bet! Go along, you won't be disappointed!

BRIGHTON JUNIORS

A much improved Under 20 side defeated the strong Juventus team in a very even game. The score was 3-1, and if this form can be retained it augurs well for future matches.

The Under 17 team scraped home 2-1 from Moorabbin, inaccurate shooting preventing a higher score. Moorabbin, however, with a player short and the goalkeeper injured during the game, are to be congratulated on their plucky display. The Under 15 team, after leading 1-nil against Box Hill, were finally defeated by a much stronger side. Final score 6-1. This team is improving with every game and it's only a matter of time until they're with the leaders. Both Under 14 teams were successful, the "A's" defeating Box Hill "A's" 5-1, and the "B's" defeating Box Hill "B's" 2-0. This puts the "A's" on top. Let's see the "B's" catch them. Keep it up, boys. I have learned, on good authority, that several First Division clubs are looking at a certain Under 20 goalkeeper after a fine display against Juventus.—"R.C.H."

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MAY 24, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	9	6	3	0	30	12	15
J.U.S.T.	8	6	1	1	30	17	13
Hakoah	7	5	1	1	33	14	11
Brighton	7	5	1	1	23	11	11
Footscray City	8	4	0	4	22	31	8
Polonia	7	2	2	3	12	9	6
Prahran	8	2	0	6	13	26	4
Box Hill	8	2	0	6	19	35	4
Moreland	7	1	1	5	21	26	3
South Yarra	9	1	1	7	13	36	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	9	7	1	1	26	10	15
George Cross	9	7	1	1	24	12	15
Yallourn	9	5	3	1	24	8	13
Park Rangers	8	5	1	3	25	20	11
South Melbourne	9	4	2	3	20	17	10
Preston	9	3	1	5	11	13	7
Geelong	9	2	3	4	17	21	7
Maccabi	9	3	1	5	23	31	7
Sunshine United	9	1	1	7	7	18	3
White Eagles	9	1	0	8	12	33	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	9	8	1	0	42	6	17
Hellenic	9	8	0	1	35	20	16
F.N.D.	9	6	1	2	25	14	13
Sandringham City	9	5	1	3	23	16	11
Moorabbin City	9	4	1	4	24	28	9
Williamstown	9	3	0	6	20	19	6
Dandenong	8	3	0	5	17	19	6
Frankston	9	1	2	6	14	30	4
Fairfield	8	1	2	5	7	22	4
Coburg	9	0	2	7	9	42	2

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maribyrnong	9	6	3	0	29	6	15
Ukrainia	9	7	1	1	33	9	15
Wilhelmina	9	7	1	1	32	9	15
Upper Yarra Dam	9	3	4	2	21	17	10
I.C.I.	8	3	2	3	18	13	8
University	9	3	1	5	13	33	7
Heidelberg	8	3	1	5	18	37	7
Slovakia	9	3	0	6	13	32	6
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RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES

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FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	8	8	0	0	25	3	16
Juventus	9	7	0	2	25	7	14
South Yarra	9	6	1	2	22	13	13
Box Hill	9	5	1	3	18	17	11
Brighton	9	4	2	3	25	17	10
Footscray City	9	4	0	5	24	22	8
Hakoah	8	3	1	5	14	32	5
Moreland	9	1	1	7	16	31	3
Prahran	9	1	1	7	17	33	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	9	8	0	1	31	6	16
Sunshine City	9	6	1	2	35	9	13
Preston	9	5	2	2	26	10	12
Geelong	9	5	1	3	17	13	11
Park Rangers	9	4	3	2	16	14	11
Yallourn	9	4	1	4	20	17	9
Preston	9	3	2	5	9	22	6
Sunshine United	9	2	2	5	12	30	6
White Eagles	9	0	2	7	9	32	2
Maccabi	9	1	0	8	8	42	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	9	8	0	9	36	10	16
Hellenic	8	7	0	1	32	6	14
Astor	8	6	0	2	36	11	12
Williamstown	9	6	0	3	29	14	12
Dandenong	7	5	0	2	27	9	10
Union Jack	8	4	0	4	25	21	8
Sandringham City	9	3	1	5	19	23	7
Coburg	9	1	1	7	4	22	3
Moorabbin City	9	1	0	8	4	53	2
Fairfield	8	0	0	8	5	36	0

Hellenic v. Union Jack result not telephoned.

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Albans	7	7	0	0	55	6	14
Bayswater	8	7	0	1	37	5	14
St. Kilda	9	6	0	3	18	12	12
Werribee	7	5	0	7	10	7	10
Maribyrnong	8	5	0	3	18	15	10
University	9	3	0	6	11	49	6
Wilhelmina	8	2	1	5	16	20	5
I.C.I.	9	2	1	6	7	29	5
Heidelberg	8	2	0	6	12	26	4
Nunawading	9	1	0	8	2	13	2

Heidelberg v. Werribee and St. Albans v. Bayswater — results not telephoned.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MAY 24, 1954.

UNDER 20 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	5	5	0	0	18	2	10
Juventus	7	5	0	2	26	5	10
Polonia	6	4	0	2	23	10	8
Sunshine City	6	4	0	2	11	8	8
Pascoe Vale	7	4	0	3	15	14	8
Brighton	6	3	0	3	13	15	6
Footscray City	6	3	0	3	11	13	6
Hakoah	6	2	0	4	13	16	4
Box Hill	5	2	0	3	11	21	4
Preston	6	1	0	5	6	21	2
Frankston	6	0	0	6	6	28	0

UNDER 17 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	6	6	0	0	18	3	12
Sunshine City	5	5	0	0	21	2	10
Pascoe Vale	5	3	0	2	16	12	6
Prahran	4	1	2	1	10	8	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Moorabbin City	7	1	2	4	10	25	4
St. Kilda	5	1	1	3	7	12	3
Sunshine United	6	1	1	4	6	15	3
Box Hill	5	0	2	3	4	11	2
Moorabbin City "B"	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

UNDER 15 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Preston	7	6	0	1	34	7	12
Essendon	7	5	1	1	27	3	11
Sunshine United	5	5	0	0	40	2	10
Box Hill	6	4	1	1	15	9	9
Sunshine City	6	4	0	2	26	9	8
Pascoe Vale	5	2	0	3	6	15	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	6	2	0	4	3	20	4
Park Rangers	5	1	0	4	7	21	2
Brighton	6	1	0	5	9	48	2
Moorabbin City	5	0	0	5	2	33	0

UNDER 14 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton "A"	6	6	0	0	15	2	12
Box Hill "B"	6	5	0	1	42	5	10
Prahran	6	5	0	1	32	4	10
Sunshine City	7	4	2	1	9	7	10
Moorabbin City	7	4	1	2	24	10	9
Park Rangers	6	3	1	2	11	17	7
Hakoah	7	2	1	4	12	21	5
South Melb. United	6	2	0	4	19	19	4
Brighton "B"	6	0	3	3	2	15	3
Fairfield	6	1	0	5	6	55	2
Bob Hill "B"	5	0	0	5	3	20	0
Coburg United	6	0	0	6	0	0	0

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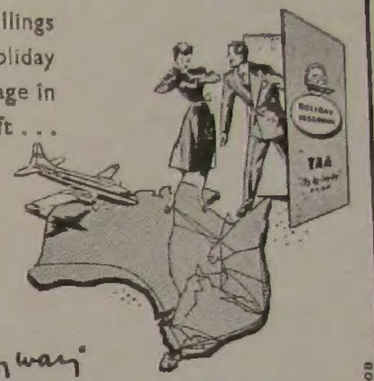

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